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Jane E. Henney
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Dear Ms. Henney:

There seems to be an alarming increase in diseases that were thought to be conquered, such as tuberculosis. The cause of this medical health crisis is known within the medical profession as disease-resistant bacteria which are not responsive to the antibiotics considered miracle cures a few years ago.

Part of the problem is the overuse of antibiotics by physicians to treat patients who are impatient with allowing viral conditions to run their natural course. Another part of the problem is use of antibiotics with livestock in order to promote rapid growth, thus greater product (and profit.)

With this letter, we urge you to do everything in your power to inform the American public and physicians of the situation caused partly by over-prescription of antibiotics. We understand this is a long term effort, with no immediate results. You can only seek to influence writing of prescriptions and patients' requests for them.

But it IS within your power to prohibit immediately the addition of medically important antibiotics to animal feed. We urge you to do so without delay. Sure, it is better (and far less expensive) to pay a few cents more for animal products than to face outbreaks of polio, tuberculosis and a variety of other fatal infectious diseases.

Yours truly,

Shirley Lundin

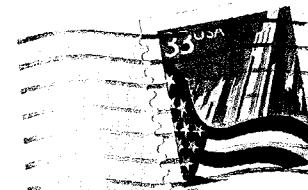
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